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SUBJECT: CODELS WOLFF AND MANN

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1. ON JUNE 7, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF DEA, DOD AND STAFFS OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS AND

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS CURRENT PLANNING FOR UPCOMING TRIP. THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

2. PARTICIPATION: A DELEGATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF WILL BE TRAVELING TO HAWAII AND GUAM TO HOLD HEARINGS ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. A NUMBER OF THEM WILL RETURN DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON FROM GUAM WITH THE REMAINDER SPLITTING INTO TWO CODELS, ONE OF WHICH TRAVELS TO THE PRC AND HONG KONG, THE OTHER TO THAILAND AND HONG KONG. REP. WOLFF AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS CODEL WILL DEPART FOR THE PRC ON JULY 3, REJOINING THE OTHER MEMBERS IN HONG KONG ON JULY 13. CODEL WOLFF CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND WIVES: REPS WOLFF, FOUNTAIN, DE LA GARZA, WINN, DANIELSON, GUYER AND RANGEL. IN ADDITION REP. BURKE AND ED PALMER, STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THEIR WIVES. THIS CODEL TOTALS 16.

3. IN LIGHT OF REP. RANGEL'S INCLUSION IN THE PRC CODEL, REP MANN WILL HEAD THE CODEL TRAVELING TO BANGKOK AND HONG KONG. AS OF JUNE 8, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND STAFF COMPOSE CODEL MANN. REP MANN AND WIFE; REP JENNETTE AND WIFE; REP SKUBITZ AND WIFE; REP WIGGINS AND WIFE; EVANS; (GA) REP MATHIS; JOSEPH NELLIS, CHIEF COUNSEL, AND BILL LAWRENCE, CHIEF OF STAFF, NARCOTICS COMMITTEE; BOB STUTMAN AND GUS FASSLER, DEA CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS; LTC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOLLOFF, LTC HUNT, MRS. BUEL, SGT. PETTIT, AND SGT SPENCE, DOD ESCORTS; AND CHRIS NELSON AND JON HOLSTINE OF THE STAFF OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE. AN OFFICIAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN PROTOCOL ORDER, AND OTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT BY SEPTTEL ONCE OFFICIAL LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE TWO COMMITTEES CONCERNED.

4. FOR PEKING: THE STAFF INFORMS US THAT AS OF YET THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE FROM THE CHINESE CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE'S PROJECTED ITINERARY IN THE PRC. WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION, THE STAFF PLANS TO INFORM THE CHINESE HERE REGARDING REP RANGEL'S PARTICIPATION. AS TO DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY CODEL, THE STAFF WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE AS TO THE INVITATION LIST. THE COMMITTEE ALSO PREFERS TO REIMBURSE FOR THE BANQUET RATHER THAN PROVIDE FUNDS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE ADVISE

5. FOR BANGKOK: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN NAME OF CODEL. REFTTEL B WAS RECEIVED AFTER MEETING WITH STAFF. IT WAS PASSED TO THE STAFF AND WHILE POINTS RAISED IN PARAS 1A AND 1B RAISE NO PROBLEMS FOR US, STAFF COMMENTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 12. WE WILL RESPOND BY SEPTTEL IN

COORDINATION WITH DEA. FOR DRUG RELATED TRIP TO CHIANG MAI
THE SIX MEMBERS AND TWO STAFFERS, NELLIS AND LAWRENCE,
PLAN TO PARTICIPATE. -

6. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REFUGEE PROGRAM SUGGESTED BY REFTEL A
WITH HOLSTINE AND NELSON. THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOW-
ING REVISION IN THE SCHEDULE: -

---JULY 6: SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED BY EMBASSY IS AGREEABLE.

---JULY 7: 0900 DEPART BY RTG HELICOPTER TO ARANYAPRATHET
FOR FULL DAY VISIT AT CAMP. RETURN BY HELICOPTER TO BANG-
KOK TO CATCH OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO UDORN.

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---JULY 8: ARRIVE UDORN, BREAKFAST WITH CONSUL FINNEY AND
TOUR NONG KHAI CAMP. RETURN TO UDORN IN TIME TO CATCH
NIGHT TRAIN TO BANGKOK.

---JULY 9: ARRIVE BANGKOK WITH REMAINDER OF DAY FREE.

---JULY 10: DEPART BY RTG HELICOPTER FOR DAY LONG VISIT
TO TRAT OR LAEM SING CAMPS. RETURN BY HELICOPTER TO
BANGKOK FOR DINNER.

---JULY 11: DEPART FOR HONG KONG WITH MEMBERS OF CODEL
MANN.

7. THE STAFF HAS SUGGESTED HELICOPTER TRAVEL AS A TIME
SAVING DEVICE PERMITTING MORE TIME TO VISIT THE REFUGEE
CAMPS AND TO TALK TO THE REFUGEES. THEY ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT THE TIME INVOLVED IN TRAVEL BY CAR AS SUGGESTED IN
REFTEL A. THEY HAVE ASKED (1) IF THERE IS ANY SECURITY
OR OTHER REASON FOR NOT TRAVELING BY HELICOPTER AND (2)
WHETHER OR NOT THE EMBASSY PLANS TO APPROACH THE RTG ABOUT
MAKING HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
RELATEDLY, WE KNOW THAT THE THAI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
HAS BEEN ADVISED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE VISIT. AS
FAR AS WE KNOW, HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN NO REQUESTS MADE
TO THE RTG HERE FOR ASSISTANCE.

8. FOR HONG KONG: REFTEL C RECEIVED AFTER MEETING WITH
STAFF AND RESPONSE WILL BE SENT BY SEPTTEL. FOR HYDROPHOIL
FOR DRUG RELATED VISIT TO MACAU, LAWRENCE HAS TOLD US THAT
HE EXPECTS 13 PARTICIPANTS ON THIS TRIP. BOTH CODELS PLAN
TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGEN BRIEFING ON JULY 14 FROM 930-1130.
IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT FIRST PART OF BRIEFING COVER NARCOTICS
AND SECOND PART THE PRC. IN LIGHT OF THIS, LAWRENCE
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SUGGESTED MOVING THE MEETING WITH HK PREVENTIVE SERVICES TO 1300 ON THE 14TH. WE WILL ADVISE YOU REGARDING FURTHER CHANGES, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA. 3 OF REFTEL C. ALL PARTICIPANTS IN BOTH CODELS PLAN TO ATTEND CONGEN'S RECEPTION ON JULY 14. WITH REGARD TO HOTEL, CODELS HAVE DECIDED TO STAY AT HONG KONG HILTON. FUND CITATION FOLLOWING BY SEPTTEL. PLEASE INFORM MIKE EMMONS OF AMCHAM REGARDING HOTEL DECISION. VANCE

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